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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Second Preliminary Amendment; and
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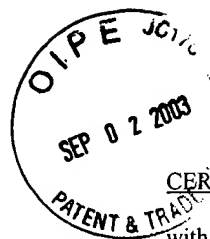
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the communication mailed July 30, 2003. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conference of August 27, 2003, in which the entry of the corrected sequence listing was discussed. Please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.